

25 May 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 27 May

NOTE: You may wish to welcome Major General Phillip Davidson (Bio attached) to the Board for his first USIB meeting as the new Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (Army) prior to the Board farewells for []

[] will be in the visitor's seat on your left at the beginning of the meeting and will be prepared to leave following an exchange of greetings.

- Item 1 Watch Report
Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;
Sponsor - General Cushman
- Item 2 Report on New Staffing Arrangements for the National Indications Center
Sponsor - General Cushman

General Cushman requested this item in order to report to the USIB on the developments over the past three months regarding NIC staffing problems. Mr. Tweedy, on behalf of General Cushman, has been discussing these problems with General Bennett and [] DIA has examined various options but favors the substitution of DIA for the Air Force as the NIC Executive Agent as recommended by Mr. Tweedy. DIA is now prepared to look into the staffing problems and to look into such questions as to whether the JCS would need to give their authority for such a transfer of responsibility.

- Item 3 NIE on the Outlook for Thailand
BNE draft coordinated by USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Huizenga

There were no major disagreements during coordination of this regularly scheduled estimate which was initiated by ONE. BNE anticipates no dissents at the USIB meeting.

S E C R E T

- Item 4 Revised Program of National Intelligence Estimates for the Period 1 April - 30 September
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval; Sponsor - Mr. Huizenga

Agreement has now been reached on the revised scheduling of the Soviet military estimates series which caused delay in the submission of this quarterly estimates program. Mr. Huizenga advises that so far as he knows, no agency plans to bring this up for further discussion.

25X1 Admiral Gayler has expressed interest in a five-year estimate on Southeast Asia [redacted] His representative accepted the BNE view that this would not be a very useful project and that the country papers on the region which BNE has done and plans to do would serve the need better. Mr. Huizenga notes however, that this offers no guarantee that Admiral Gayler will not speak to the subject anyway. You will recall that in February the Admiral stressed the importance of discussing at Board meetings the order and priority of the proposed estimates program.

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- Item 5 The Intelligence Forum

As you requested at the 29 April meeting, Capt. John Thro, USN, of State (INR) has been invited to brief the USIB Principals regarding the Intelligence Forum. Mr. Bronson Tweedy has been notified that this item is on the agenda and plans to sit in as he did before on the Board's discussion of this subject in executive session.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

Attachment

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in 1964 he moved to Fort Dix, N.J. to become deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry; and in 1965 he joined Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific Command as assistant chief of staff for Intelligence.

In 1967 he became assistant chief of staff for Intelligence for the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam, where he remained until 2 June 1969 when he became commanding general of U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry and Fort Ord, Calif.

General Davidson has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Joint Services Commendation Ribbon, the French Croix de Guerre, and the National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class.

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